

Are We Allowed to Speak?

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Douglas Hann, a Brown University varsity football player was recently expelled. Let me explain why. His offense was stated as, "He behaved boorishly, behaved like a belligerent and a vulgar yahoo."

It has not yet been said what actions exactly reflect such statements, but a good idea has become clear. Last October, Hann got drunk, approached the courtyard of Brown University, and shouted vulgar messages concerning blacks, Jews, and homosexuals. When he was caught, he entered the Brown disciplinary process, later being expelled.

After reading such, I am reminded of what Benjamin Franklin said in 1722, "...Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty, without freedom of speech." The Hann incident should provoke us to ask a few questions.

In the Western world, the university has become a place of the freest expression which could be found worldwide. The campus is maintained as a sanctuary, in which knowledge in truth might be pursued no matter how unpopu-

lar, disgusting, politically wrong, or religiously insulting. Montreat-Anderson is a liberal arts college, a college which strives to expand the thought of the student for a world view. However, just as Brown University did, Montreat-Anderson College could do the same.

Let's take one example out of the handbook; located on page 31, we have a section called *Hazing*. Webster's Dictionary defines 'hazing' as harassing with meaningless, difficult, or humiliating tasks. The Montreat handbook states that it is to be understood that abusive and profane language is not allowed on campus. However this small, yet disturbing passage shows to the students that you may not express yourself the way you choose. It is truly amazing that flag burning is constitutionally protected under the First Amendment, however our ideas expressed verbally may not be rightfully protected here at Montreat-Anderson or a few other college campuses such as Brown University. Although a place of truth, the college restricts the students on how they express their view. For any college to take such a position is a political statement. A statement that in effect says even though the flag is pro-

tected, our thoughts and ideas are not, which disagrees with the Constitution. However, our views are not yet repressed unless it opposes the college view.

What lines must we draw between expressing our personal views (which may be considered as 'hazing'), and the "liberal" views of the col-

lege? Boundaries need to be set on how much a private or public college may oppress our free expression even though it may disagree with the position of the college. Although, a private college, Montreat-Anderson should be held under the same amendments of the Constitution.

Jews For Jesus

By: Sara Swinson

Hey! Listen up! The "Liberated Wailing Wall" is coming to Montreat! Strange name for a group, you say? Well, I beg to differ. The name is a reference to the Wall that stands in the heart of the old city in Jerusalem. The "Wailing Wall" remains as a place of prayer for Jews. Though, in 70 A.D. the Temple was destroyed by the Romans (as Jesus predicted). The only thing that is left to remind Israel of it's former temple is the wall that once surrounded it. It stands as a reminder of glorious time long since passed.

The Wall has been dubbed the "Wailing Wall" because in the past, it was there that Jews from all over would come in order to pray to the God of Israel in hopes that He would soon restore Israel as a nation once again. Their prayers were fervent and impassioned, to the point that wailing would inevitably ensue. Well, God did establish Israel as a nation again. Myriads of Jews, after having been dispersed throughout the nations for thousands of years, did once again return to their land. That historic and miraculous event occurred in 1948! Thus, the Wall is no longer referred to as the "Wailing Wall," though there is no longer a need to lament. But rather it is referred to as the Western Wall.

Well, enough of the history lesson. All that to say, "The Liberated Wailing Wall" is an excellent name for a band of Jewish believers in Christ. These Jews for Jesus are "liberated" through their faith in their Messiah, Jesus.

Let me just say this, I am excited about the fact that these guys are coming to Montreat to play! You will love their music. I know you will because I've heard them and I love their music (perhaps in part, due to the fact that I am Jewish and I am for Jesus). But, I just really want to encourage you to come and listen to them, regardless of whether or not you are Jewish. Come one, come all! I'll be there.

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